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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

1. FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR HANDOVER OF THE OBJECTS FROM THE CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPTEMBER 30) AT THE PALACE MUSEUM IN PEKING. MUSEUMS CHIEF WANG YEH-CHIU AND USLO CHIEF BUSH ATTENDED THE SIGNING. TRANSFER DOCUMENT STATES CONDITION OF OBJECTS NORMAL EXCEPT FOR ITEM #301 WHICH WAS BROKEN IN WASHINGTON AND THAT CHINESE SIDE WAIVES INDEMNITY FOR OBJECT #301 "IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES." ORIGINAL OF DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED CU/EA.

2. ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING RETURN OF OBJECTS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY, AND CU'S PALMER AND NATIONAL GALLERY'S COVEY HAVE DONE A FIRST-RATE JOB. AT TEA FOLLOWING THE HANDOVER CEREMONY, WANG SINGLED OUT PALMER AND COVEY FOR SPECIAL PRAISE, REMARKING THAT THEY HAD PROVEN THEMSELVES "VERY CAPABLE" (HEN DENG GAN). CHINESE TREATED THEM TO TRIP TO SIAN TO VIEW EXCAVATION SITE OF NEW CHIN SHIH HUANG FIGURES AND HAVE INVITED THEM TO THIS EVENING'S STATE BANQUET AT THE GREAT HALL. USLO DINNER ON JULY 27 FOR WANG YEH-CHIU, THE RESPONSIBLE CHINESE COMMITTEE, AND PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN UNPACKING THE OBJECTS ALSO SUCCESSFUL IN

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CONTRIBUTING TO CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

3. PALMER AND CONEY SCHEDULED TO DEPART PEKING FOR
TOKYO ON OCTOBER 2.
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